

## BIOGRAPHIES OF CHAIRS AND PRESENTERS (In alphabetical order)

**Brian Arnold** is a Senior Adviser at the Canadian Tax Foundation. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School (J.D., 1969) and taught tax law at a Canadian law school for many years. He has been a consultant to various governments, the OECD, and the United Nations, and a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School from 2005 to 2011. He currently teaches international tax courses at the University of Melbourne and was a Visiting Professor at New York University School of Law in 2012. He is the co-editor of the *Bulletin for International Taxation* and the principal author (with Hugh J. Auld) of *Stockholm Centre for International Tax Law*.

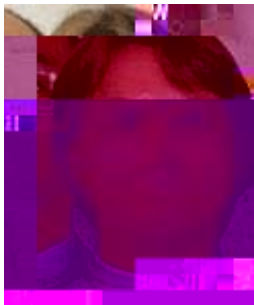
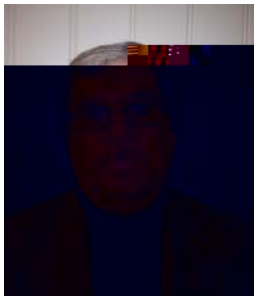


**Philip Baker** is a barrister and Queens Counsel, practising from Grays Inn Tax Chambers. He was called to the bar in 1979, began practising in 1987 and took silk in 2002. Mr. Baker specializes in international tax issues, with a particular emphasis on double tax conventions, European Union law and taxation. He has a particular interest in the European Convention on Human Rights and taxation.

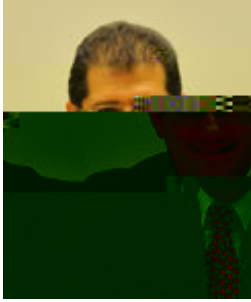
Before moving into practice, Mr. Baker taught law for seven years at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London University. He was subsequently a visiting professorial fellow at Queen Mary University of London, and is now a senior associate fellow of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London University. He is the author of *Double Taxation Conventions and International Tax Law* and the editor of the *International Tax Law Reports*.



Tax (2010: CUP); Contributing author, Comparative Income Taxation, 3rd Ed (2010: Kluwer); Editor & contributing author, Comparative Perspectives on Revenue Law (2008: CUP); Income Tax in Common Law Jurisdictions to 1820 (2006: CUP), Metamorphosis of the Australasian Income Tax (2002: ATRF) and Corporate/Shareholder Income Taxation and Allocating Taxing Rights Between Countries: A Comparison of Imputation Systems (1996: IBFD).

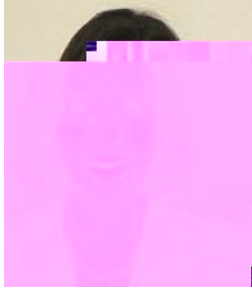


**Armando Lara Yaffar**



Finance in Peru and university lecturer in undergraduate and graduate programs. He has been a consultant for the Andean Community, IDB, IMF, GIZ and researcher in the Scientific Research Center of the University of Lima. He is also a member of the Panel of Experts of IMF's Fiscal Affairs Department and associated with the International Fiscal Association (IFA).

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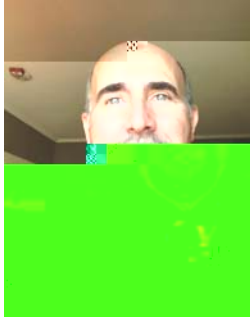
**Ariane Pickering** is a former Chief Tax Treaty Negotiator for Australia, with extensive experience in the Australian Taxation Office and Treasury in developing tax treaty policy and negotiating, implementing and interpreting Australia's tax treaties. Prior to 2010, she was Vice Chair of, and Australia's main delegate to the OECD's Working Party 1 on Tax Conventions. She chaired the sub-Group of the Working Party that reviewed taxation of income from services. Ms. Pickering is now involved in a number of projects, including, as a consultant for the Asian Development Bank, assisting a developing country to build its tax treaty skills.

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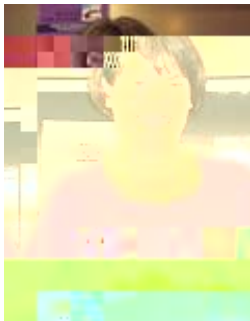
**Jacques Sasseville** is Head of Tax Treaty Unit, Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, at the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). In this capacity, he is involved in all the work related to the OECD Model Tax Convention. He has worked at the OECD since 1995 and also from 1990 to 1993, when he was Principal Administrator and subsequently





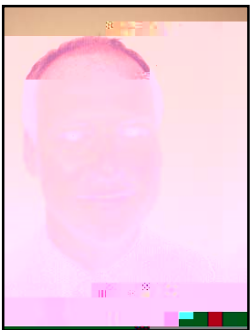
**Socorro Velázquez** is Director of Planning and Institutional Development, Inter-American Centre of Tax Administrations (CIAT), Panama. As Director, Mr. Velazquez is involved and direct CIAT activities with international organizations namely, The World Bank, IMF, OECD, the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF), the German Ministry of Cooperation and Development (GIZ) and the United Nations Development Programs. The main focus of these liaisons is to seek opportunities for collaboration in the field of tax administration in support of CIAT member countries. As a result of this international cooperation, several agreements have been signed with these entities in the interest of mutual development programs. His previous positions include: Assistant Revenue Service Representative (Fort Lauderdale, Florida); Deputy Tax Attaché (Mexico City, Mexico); Technical Assistance Project Manager (Ankara, Turkey); and Director, Office of Tax Administration Advisory Services (Washington D.C.). He holds a Bachelor's of Arts Degree Education Major from the Inter-American University, San Juan, Puerto Rico. He finished Graduate Studies in the University of Puerto Rico Law School, San Juan, Puerto Rico and completed various IRS technical (tax law, accounting, finance and economics) and management leadership courses, including Strategic Management Course at Wharton University in Pennsylvania.

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**Joanna Wheeler** is Senior Principal at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD). Joanna Wheeler, TEP, is a member of the IBFD academic group. Previously, she was the editor of many different IBFD publications, and the founding editor of IBFD's loose-leaf publication "The International Guide to the Taxation of Trusts". Ms. Wheeler was the pioneer of the IBFD's programme of online courses, and before that she taught regularly the IBFD classroom courses. She also gives regular guest seminars at the universities of Cambridge, Leiden, London (Queen Mary College) and Neuchatel. Ms. Wheeler was a member of the Research Subcommittee of the International Fiscal Association (IFA) for many years, and was general reporter for the IFA Congress held in Kyoto in 2007 on the topic "Conflicts in the Attribution of Income to a person".

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**Matthias Witt** is Head, Good Financial Governance in Africa German International Cooperation – GIZ. Trained as an economist, Matthias Witt specialised on Development Economics and Lecturer for Public Finance at the Georg-August University of Goettingen. After finishing his dissertation (equivalent to Ph.D.), Matthias Witt joined then GTZ (German Technical Cooperation) in 1998 as Advisor to the Tax Department, Ministry of Finance in Romania, and was subsequently appointed as advisor to the Tanzania Revenue Authority.

Heading the Public Finance Sector Unit since 2003, his responsibilities included developing concepts for public finance reforms, especially Tax Reforms and Budgetary Systems, in developing countries. From 2008, he was in charge of the Public Policy Section. As part of the portfolio, he was in charge of GIZs support to resource governance, e.g. in DRC and other countries. In 2011, he was appointed representative of the German Ministry for Economics to Greece. Since November 2012, he is heading the Good Financial Governance in Africa Programme, with which the Government of Germany supports African processes in Public Finance reforms. One of the core partners is the African Tax Administration Forum (ATAF).